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2013 Hunter Education (HE) Instructor Academy

We are excited to be offering the 2013 HE Instructor Academy July 19th – 21st, which complies with Wyoming Game and Fish Commission regulation changes to Chapter 26 Section 4; subsection b whereby, all instructors shall attend a new instructor orientation workshop within two (2) years of becoming a certified instructor. Newly certified instructors have a two-year window to attend an orientation weekend to finalize their certification with our HE Instructor Academy offered each summer at the WGFD's Whiskey Mountain Conservation Camp. This pre-service/early in-service HE training opportunity is designed to increase correctness, credibility, and improve communication in an already strong program conducted by dedicated volunteers.

- ❑ Check-in will begin Friday, July 19th starting at 6:00 p.m. (dinner will be served this evening for those arriving by 6:00 p.m. with an R.S.V.P.) the evening session starts at 8:00 p.m.
- ❑ Saturday training sessions will begin at 8:00 a.m. with breakfast served at 7:00 a.m.
- ❑ Sunday training sessions will begin at 8:00 a.m. with breakfast served at 7:00 a.m. and departure will be Sunday at 1:00 p.m. after lunch

Meals and lodging will be provided by the WGFD at the Whiskey Mountain Conservation Camp, located east of Dubois on Torrey Creek. Cabins with two or more cots and shared bathrooms limit the lodging to gender specific (married couples will not be staying together). The only expense to instructors will be providing their own transportation to this wonderful venue. PTSB credit is available for certified teachers attending this HE Academy.

The WGFD's message as established by the Game and Fish Commission includes six major topics. This academy will augment the understanding and the teaching strategies used for these six core areas in Wyoming.

1. *Hunter Responsibility and Ethics*
2. *Wildlife Conservation and Management - Bear implications for HE*
3. *Firearms and Firearms Safety - Teaching live fire & wing-shooting for Instructors*
4. *Game & Fish Statutes and Regulations - Changes to the program*
5. *Wildlife Issues*
6. *Outdoor Safety & Survival*

Please contact Margaret James via email (margaret.james@wyo.gov) or call 307-777-4538 to reserve a spot. If you have other questions please call me at the Casper HE office at 307-473-3439.

Thanks,

Jim Dawson

